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SUBJECT: KAUNDA VISIT

REF: LUSAKA 0568

1. PROTOCOL AND AF/E OFFICERS MET WITH ZAMBIAN EMBASSY COUNSELLOR SILWEYA APRIL 1 TO REVIEW LODGING AND PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS. IN GENERAL, PLANS FOR VISIT ARE MOVING AHEAD NICELY WITH NO SIGNIFICANT SNAGS TO DATE.

2. RE BLAIR HOUSE ACCOMMODATIONS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR PRESIDENT AND MRS. KAUNDA TO SHARE ONE SUITE AS PRESIDENT'S SUITE AND QUEEN'S SUITE EACH HAVE ONLY ONE BED -- SMALLER THAN A DOUBLE BED. THESE SUITES ARE LINKED BY A COMMON DOOR. WE RECOMMEND ELIMINATING ONE OF THE SINGLE-BEDDED ROOM OCCUPANTS TO MAKE NUMBER OF BLAIR HOUSE GUESTS EQUAL TO NUMBER OF BEDS THERE- PLEASE ADVISE. FYI - ASSISTANT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FOR VISITS WILLIAM CODUS HAS INVITED AMBASSADOR MWALE TO VISIT BLAIR HOUSE WITH HIM TO INSPECT LAYOUT OF ROOMS AND TO ASSIGN THEM TO ZAMBIAN PARTY AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROPRIATE. END FYI.

3. DEPT HAS RECOMMENDED THAT A TOTAL OF 15 RPT 15 PEOPLE FROM OFFICIAL PARTY BE INVITED TO WHITE HOUSE DINNER, BUT THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN TIME FOR RESPONSE. THESE ARE: PRESIDENT AND MRS. KAUNDA, KAWECHE KAUNDA, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. MWALE, NYIRENDA, MWAANGA, MULIKITA, CHIKWANDA, CHONA, LISHOMWA, CHISANGA, MEEBELO, MASANINGA, AND CHINAMBU.

4. ABOVE WOULD OF COURSE ATTEND AFTER-DINNER RECEPTION. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE RECOMMENDED THE FOLLOWING 12 PERSONS BE INVITED TO AFTER-DINNER RECEPTION ONLY:SIKAZWE, MPENGULA, KAWESHA, CHUKE, MUMBE, BELEMU, COUNSELLOR AND MRS. SILWEYA, FIRST SECRETARY AND MRS. ITWI, AND SECOND SECRETARY AND MRS. SIMFUKWE.

5. RE SECRETARY'S LUNCH, THE FOLLOWING 8 ZAMBIANS ARE BEING INVITED: PRESIDENT KAUNDA, AMBASSADOR MWALE, NYIRENDA, MWAANGA, MULIKITA, CHIKWANDA, CHONA AND LISHOMWA. CHISANGA MAY BE INVITED IF ONE OF THE US GUESTS IS UNABLE TO ATTEND.

6. AS ZAMBIAN EMBASSY HERE IS WELL AWARE, ENTIRE DELEGATION IS NOT RPT NOT GUEST OF USG. EMBASSY IS MAKING PLANS TO PUT NON-BLAIR HOUSE PORTION OF DELEGATION IN THREE DIFFERENT WASHINGTON HOTELS. WE HAVE SUGGESTED IT WOULD SIMPLIFY LOGISTICS CONSIDERABLY IF ONLY ONE HOTEL (E.G., MAYFLOWER, WHICH OFFERS DISCOUNT RATES) WERE USED. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT EMBASSY WILL FINALLY DO. ZAMBIAN EMBASSY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HOTELAND TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND COSTS FOR DELEGATION. DEPT IS PROVIDING CAR FOR PRESIDENT KAUNDA. KISSINGER

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